

DATE: 25 Sept 72

TO: The Honorable Melvin R. Laird  
The Secretary of Defense

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SUBJECT:

REMARKS:

Per our 25 September conversation,  
attached are:

(1) The full text of the 12 September  
article in Nhan Dan (Hanoi's Pravda)  
endorsing the Palestinian cause and the  
terrorism in Munich. The final para-  
graph is particularly interesting.

(2) A summary, broadcast over  
Hanoi radio, of a 13 September article  
in Quan Doi Nhan Dan, the military  
paper. If you so desire, we will forward  
the article's full text as soon as it  
becomes available.

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NHAN DAN CALLS MUNICH OLYMPIC DEATHS 'U.S.-ISRAELI PLOT'

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[Article by Dieu Binh: "The U.S.-Israeli Plot Behind the Bloody Event in Munich"]

[Text] The cause and development of the serious event which occurred at the Munich Olympic Village on 5 September are now obvious. That morning the combatants of a Palestinian resistance organization entered the billeting quarters of the Israeli Olympic competitors, abducted them, and presented this condition: In exchange for the freedom of these captives, the Israeli administration had to free more than 200 Palestinian patriots who were being detained and tortured in Israeli prisons.

As for the West German administration, the Palestinian guerrillas demanded that it guarantee it would safely transport them and the Israelis they detained out of West Germany.

The Palestinian guerrillas warned: If any effort is made to sabotage this action, the Israelis will be killed and the West German Government will be held responsible. As admitted later by Munich Municipal Police Chief Schreiber, the Willy Brandt administration from the outset definitely sided with the Israeli faction in opposing the Palestinian patriots. On orders of the West German interior minister the Munich police implemented "to the letter" the guidance of a special advisory group which was rushed in from Israel. The Munich police resorted to the expedient of "luring a tiger out of a mountain" and pretended to agree to the guerrillas' demands but laid four ambushes on the road leading to the airbase. Schreiber himself immediately felt that "any hope of escaping death for the Israeli Olympians was null." But he said: The West German police are tightly bound by political decisions, especially the Israeli Government's firm decision "not negotiate with the Palestinians."

The outcome realized Schreiber's fears. At the airbase Munich police sharpshooters opened fire, and all the Israeli Olympic competitors and a number of Palestinian guerrillas were killed. This bloodshed, which could have been avoided, occurred because as the Algerian broadcasting service analyzed it, "the Israeli and West German authorities chose the path of hatred and betrayal."

What was even more serious was the events which continued to develop in West Germany, the Middle East and the United States. In West Germany the authorities have tried to establish a movement to oppose the Arab countries and threatened to terrorize more than 50,000 Arabs now earning a living in West Germany.

Crocodile tears have been shed profusely in Washington and Tel Aviv, accompanied by countless theories about humanity and peace, as well as snarling and threats. President Nixon did this first. In a message of condolences to the Israeli premier President Nixon said that this is "a tragic and meaningless action, a sabotage of mankind's dreams and aspirations," that this is "a tragedy for all the peoples and nations in the world," and so forth. On Nixon's orders U.S. Secretary of State Rogers, after consulting the Israeli ambassador, issued an appeal for "drastic measures" so as to make "the whole world realize that criminal acts against innocent people are unacceptable." To make the international atmosphere more tense, Nixon ordered the U.S. FBI and security agents to take "special measures" to protect Israeli, West German, and Arab diplomatic delegations in the United States. It should also be noted immediately that Nixon's crocodile tears have not blinded his eyes to the prospect of votes from millions of Jewish-born voters in the coming presidential election. He directed his subordinates to even strengthen protection for Jewish-born Americans, although "he maintains that these people are less likely to be attacked than Israeli citizens," according to UPI on 6 September.

What is the purpose of all these psywar activities? In Tel Aviv Israeli Foreign Minister Eban, "with bloodshot eyes," told newsmen: "I do not think about peace any more. The problem now is how to absolve this catastrophe." Israeli troops were swiftly deployed "at an unprecedented rate" along the Syrian-Lebanese border area. On 8 and 9 September, under the pretext of avenging the deaths of all the Israeli athletes, many Israeli aircraft fiercely attacked the territory of these two countries. They bombed, machinegunned, and rocketed many Palestinian refugee centers and other populated areas, killing or wounding hundreds of women, old people, and children.

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is another proof of the Nixon clique's cruel and hypocritical nature, the U.S. delegate to the UN Security Council brazenly vetoed a draft resolution by the Arab countries condemning the criminal Israeli raids and demanding that they be ended at once.

At the present international juncture, the recent, bloody incident in Munich is eloquent proof of the cruelty and perfidy of the U.S. and Israeli aggressors and the dark design of the Nixon administration and company to wreck peace under the extremely hypocritical label of humanity and peace. The aggressors have availed themselves of the deaths of 11 Israelis, which they deliberately allowed to occur, to massacre hundreds of Arabs whose fatherland has been annexed by the Israelis. They planned to whip up a chauvinistic hysteria in Israel and create a false protest movement within the so-called "civilized world" to vilify the just struggle of the Palestinian people and to threaten and split the Arab countries.

They plotted to isolate the Palestinian patriotic movement from the other Arab peoples and the world's peoples. This U.S.-Israeli scheme, which has the collusion of the West German administration, is designed to put a cloak of justice on the aggressors and the blame of "injustice and barbarity" on a small nation whose only crime is to fight and sacrifice for its own survival.

However, the pharisees of the 20th Century have been unmasked. The governments and peoples of Syria and Lebanon are determined to deal the Israeli aggressors appropriate blows. The Arab peoples are not duped by this divisive plot. Neither have they shrunk before threats. The Egyptian Government, the Government of the Federation of the Arab Republics consisting of Egypt, Libya, and Syria, the Arab League, and others have unanimously supported the Palestinian people, denounced the Israelis and the U.S. imperialists, and called on the Arab countries to take common action to oppose the aggressors.

The aggressors' perfidious maneuvers and acts cannot drown the just voice of the Palestinian people, who continue to be heard in the din of bomb explosions and chauvinistic outcries. The Palestinian people have expressed, through their leaders, the determination to seek every means to struggle for the right to live. This just voice has enjoyed ever greater sympathy and support from all progressive mankind. The U.S. and Israel scheme to make the most of the bloody Munich incident is very perfidious. But it will not work, since ours is an era when the oppressed peoples have arisen to take their destiny into their hands.

The Vietnamese people, who have seen the true colors of U.S. imperialism, especially through the "Nixon doctrine," are resolved to support the Palestinian people's fight for their sacred fundamental rights until its final victory.

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QUAN DOI NHAN DAN CONDEMNS ISRAELI RAIDS ON SYRIA, LEBANON

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[Text] Hanoi VNA September 13--"The air raids conducted by the Israeli administration against Palestinian refugee camps in Syria and Lebanon once again laid bare the obstinate and utterly bellicose features of the U.S. imperialists and Israeli reactionaries," said the army paper QUAN DOI NHAN DAN in a commentary today.

The paper said that these acts of open aggression are well premeditated, and lie in the overall scheme to stamp out the Palestinian resistance movement.

For decades, the paper said, the imperialists, notably the U.S. imperialists, after creating the "Israeli republic", have done their best to shore up the Israeli administration and train and equip its army, turning Israel into a shock force in defense of their colonialist interests in the Middle East.

Taking advantage of the bloody incident at the Munich Olympic Games, the U.S. imperialists, right afterward, whipped up an anti-Arab hysteria. Following the armed attacks on September 8 and 9, Israeli troops on September 11 were deployed near the Lebanese and Syrian borders for a new offensive. In the meantime, the U.S. representative at the United Nations vetoed a draft resolution submitted by the Arab countries in condemnation of the Israeli acts of aggression.

However, the paper went on, the U.S. scheme has been thoroughly exposed and the Israeli acts of aggression have courted due punishing blows from the Syrian and Lebanese armed forces. "The Arab peoples have not stepped back before the aggressors' threats. No schemes and acts of the aggressors can stamp out the Palestinian resistance movement or break the Arab peoples' will to fight for their fundamental national rights."